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Government management of taluk headquarters hospitals.

- * 1477 Q.-Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state-
- (a) whether the Government have taken over the management of taluk headquarters hospitals for which purpose a supplementary demand for four lakhs of rupees has been passed in October last;

(b) if not, why not; and

- (c) if so, when and how many?
- A,-(a), (b) & (c) The supplementary demand referred to was not moved in the Legislative Council in October 1927. The points raised by the hon. Member in the question do not therefore

Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddi :- " May I know when the Minister for Public Health proposes to take charge of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals?"

The hon, Diwan Bahadur B. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :- "We are making budget provisions and intend taking over 95 institutions."

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Legislative

Reservation of a seat in the Legislative Council for a Railway official.

1478 Q .- M. ABDUL WAHAB SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon, the Law Member be pleased to state why a seat in the Council is not reserved as in Pre-Reform days for a Kailway official on behalf of the two biggest railways running in Southern India?

A .- There is no provision in the Madras Electoral Rules reserving a seat for a Railway official. O C Police ala

Alleged obstruction of traffic in South Kanara during His Excellency the Governor's visit.

1479 Q .- Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon, the Law Member be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that there was obstruction of traffic by the police along certain public roads in South Kanara by which His Excellency the Governor was to pass or was expected to pass during his tour in South Kanara from 10th to 15th October 1927 for more than an hour and even for hours before His Excellency was expected to pass along those roads:

(b) under what authority such obstruction was carried out;

(c) the number of police employed for keeping order for a distance of about 65 miles along which His Excellency passed on the 10th October 1927 in the town of Mangalore and for about 30 miles from Mangalore to Karkal respectively; and what the extra cost involved thereby was; and

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(d) whether the obstruction was removed at the instance of His Excellency on the protest of some persons on the 12th October and whether any inconvenience was caused to His Excellency driving along the roads on that date and the next two days ?

A.-(a) & (b) The answer to (a) is in the negative.

(c) The distance traversed by His Excellency on the 10th October was about 72 miles. To keep order for this distance the following staff was employed:—

	Inspec- tors.	Inspec- tors.	Head Consta- bles.	Consta- bles.
Beyond Mangalore Town	 5	12	28	176
In Mangalore Town	 1	4	7	37

On the remaining days 6 inspectors, 21 sub-inspectors, 23 head constables and 152 constables were employed to keep order in the town and elsewhere. The extra cost was Rs. 1,465-5-0.

(d) No such protest was received from any one. The arrangements were similar throughout the period of His Excellency's visit.

Industries

Possibilities of jaggery manufacture in Cuddapah.

1480 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO; Will the hon, the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that in certain areas in Cuddapah there are a

large number of palmyra trees; and

(b) if so whether he will consider the desirability of consulting experts as to the possibility of starting any small industry for the manufacture of jaggery which is considered very valuable for cattle, etc.?

A .-- (a) Yes.

(b) The Government do not consider it necessary to consult experts as jaggery manufacture is fairly well known and needs no expert assistance where conditions are favourable.

STARRED QUESTIONS Land Assignment

Grazing grounds in Periyar tracts.

* 1481 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Member for

Revenue be pleased to state-

(a) whether there are grazing grounds for cattle in the villages of Irumbadi, Karuppatti and Sholavandan in the Nilakkottai taluk of the Madura district irrigated by the Periyar channel;

(b) what is the extent of the grazing grounds in each of the above

villages with the survey numbers of the fields and their extent;

(c) what is the extent of the poramboke lands in each of the three

villages and whether they are fit for grazing; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to allot grazing grounds for cattle in villages which have not sufficient pasture lands in the Periyar tracts?